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Mr. E. P. Gavrilov, Chief
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Moscow, K-104
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Dear Mr. Gavrilov:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 January 1976 concerning the translation by the Joint Publications Research Service of A. L. Kolodkin's book, The World Ocean (Mirovoy okean).

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Responsibility for promulgation of translations and research reports produced by the U. S. Government has been vested in the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U. S. Department of Commerce. Because your letter raises the matter of the sale of A. L. Kolodkin's work, we have referred your letter to Mr. William Knox, Director of NTIS, who plans to contact you separately with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,


Chief
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